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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JUNEAU SENATOR BILL RAY FOR HIS 22 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU.

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Ray has been a strong voice representing Juneau in the Alaska State Legislature for 22 years; 6 years in the House of Representatives and the last 16 years in the Senate, and

WHEREAS, during his more than two decades of service in the legislature, Senator Bill Ray fought to retain Juneau as the state capital. When pro-move forces were successful in obtaining voter approval of an initiative to move the capital to a railbelt site between Anchorage and Fairbanks, Senator Ray joined Juneau's House Delegation and the Alaska Committee to ensure that the true cost of moving the capital was placed before the voters and, as a result of those efforts, the voters, in 1980, rejected the capital move as too expensive, and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Ray has served as chairman of both the House Finance Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. In those positions, he was instrumental in securing funding for construction of the new State Office Building, the Dimond Court House, and state matching funds for the Egan Expressway. He has been equally diligent in obtaining funding for water, sewer, and street projects for the City and Borough of Juneau, for a Pioneer Home in Juneau, and for numerous construction projects for the University of Alaska-Juneau. The university's Bill Ray Center is a monument to his efforts, and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Ray was the first chairman of the newly formed Senate Transportation Committee in 1981-82. He was a longtime supporter of the Alaska Marine Highway System, Juneau's essential link to other southeastern Alaska communities and the interior of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Ray, also a strong supporter of state employees, chaired the Blue Ribbon Commission on the

State Personnel Act, a special commission which dealt with state employee issues and problems, and

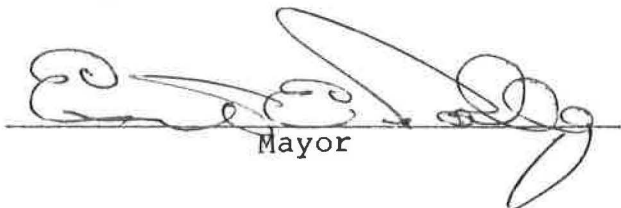
WHEREAS, Senator Bill Ray has long been recognized as a power and leader in the Alaska Senate and an advocate of Juneau whose word is highly regarded by his colleagues. Senator Ray has served in additional leadership positions as Chairman of the Legislative Council; Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; Senate Floor Leader; and in the most recent legislative session, as Senate Minority leader. He has been a cosponsor of landmark legislation, such as the longevity bonus bill, and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Ray has announced his intention to retire from the Alaska State Legislature at the expiration of the 14th Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

That the Assembly does hereby recognize and commend State Senator Bill Ray for his outstanding record of public service to the people of Juneau and does express its gratitude for a job well done.

Adopted this 7th day of July, 1986.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk